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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN THE AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC) DECEMBER
6-7, 1977

1. REQUEST EMBASSY OFFICER SEND FOLLOWING LETTER TO DR.
RAY GAMBELL, SECRETARY TO THE IWC, STATION ROAD, HISTON,
CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND CB, 4 4NP, SO THAT HE RECEIVES IT BY
SEPTEMBER 30.

2. QUOTE: DEAR RAY: IN REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF
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AUGUST 26, 1977, WE APPROVE THE DRAFT AGENDA AND WOULD LIKE
TO MAKE TWO ADDITIONS.

AS WAS STATED AT THE 29TH MEETING, THE COMMISSION'S DECI-
SION THAT BOWHEAD WHALES SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN BY THE ALAS-
KAN NATIVE PEOPLES CREATES PROBLEMS FOR US. WE FEEL IT IS
APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEM. (NEW ITEM)

BERING SEA STOCK OF BOWHEAD WHALE (A) REPORT ON ACTION
TAKEN BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (B) ACTION ARISING (A CHANGE
FROM ELIMINATION OF ABORIGINAL WHALING FOR RIGHT WHALES
WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF THE SCHEDULE DATED NOVEMBER
1976, AS AMENDED IN JUNE 1977, PARAGRAPH 6 AND 7).QUOTE.

THE UNITED STATES DESIRES TO INFORM THE COMMISSION OF
ACTIONS TAKEN TO ENSURE PROTECTION FOR THE BERING SEA
STOCK OF BOWHEAD WHALES, AND TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL RELATING
TO RECONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION OF ITS DECISION TO
END NATIVE TAKE OF THIS SPECIES. UNQUOTE.

WE REQUEST ADDITION OF A SECOND NEW ITEM ON THE ISSUE OF
ACTIONS RELATIVE TO ENCOURAGING NON-MEMBER WHALING NATIONS
TO JOIN OR TO COOPERATE WITH THE IWC. IT IS USEFUL
TO CHECK ON PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLU-
TIONS PASSED IN JUNE. ALSO, WHALING OPERATIONS OF
CHILE AND PERU WERE NOT ADDRESSED IN RESOLUTIONS IN JUNE.
THEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS TO PROPOSE RESO-
LUTIONS BE ADOPTED UNDER "(C)" OF THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEM:
(NEW ITEM) ACTIONS RELATIVE TO NON-MEMBER WHALING NATIONS
(A) ACTION BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ON RESOLUTION ON TRANSFER
OF VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT (B) ACTION BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS
ON RESOLUTION ON IMPORT OF WHALE PRODUCTS FROM NON-IWC
NATIONS (C) NEW RESOLUTIONS TO NON-MEMBER NATIONS (D)
RESPONSES TO IWC INVITATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM NON-
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MEMBER NATIONS.

THE LAST TWO SENTENCES OF THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH MAY BE
USED AS THE ANNOTATION.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIPT OF THE FINAL AGENDA, PARTICULARLY TO ANNOTATIONS RELATIVE TO ITEMS 8, 9 AND 10 OF
THE DRAFT AGENDA. SINCERELY, WILLIAM ARON, U.S. COMMISSIONER,
INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION CHRISTOPHER

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